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For : REFLECTED OR TRANSMITTED LIGHT SCANNER
AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD FOR SCANNED-
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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56 and §1.97(b), the applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of these references are submitted herewith.

U.S. Patent No. 4,680,638

U.S. Patent No. 5,266,805

German Patent Application No. 100 29 826

The aforementioned references were cited in the "Background of the Invention" section of the present application. Accordingly, no further discussion is believed to be necessary.

German Patent No. 36 36 077

German Patent No. 42 38 395

Japanese Patent No. 10-294870

The aforementioned references are believed to be relevant, but not material, to the claims of this application.

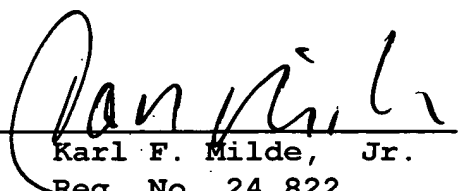
Applicant respectfully requests that this prior art be considered during the examination of this application.

No action has issued in the above-identified application therefore, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is due at this time under 37 CFR §1.97(b).

Also submitted herewith is a certified copy of German Application No. 100 41 750.7.

Respectfully submitted,

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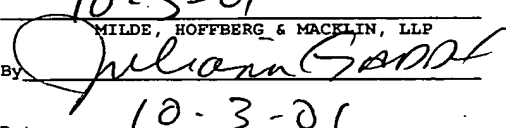

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